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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE REQUEST

Responsive to the Office Action dated May 6, 2002 (Paper No. 8), please amend the above application, without prejudice, as follows. This response is being timely filed in view of the simultaneous filing of a Petition for Four-Month Extension of Time up to and including March 11, 2003, and an After Final Request for Continued Examination.

In the Specification:

Please amend the following paragraphs of the specification to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the paragraphs showing the amendments is attached hereto.

At page 2, line 25 to page 3, line 3, please amend the paragraph to read as follows:

-- This and other objects and advantages are achieved according to the invention by the supply of an asymmetrically composed film, comprising a filled layer based on polypropylene and several unfilled layers characterized in that the filled layer comprises 40-75 weight % of inorganic filler, forms one of the surface layers of the film and has a thickness of at